

means for issuing a command for transferring the information relating to the type of data to be recorded to a recording device.

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~~26~~. The controller according to claim ⁵~~25~~, wherein the information relating to the type of data recorded is a flag designating a method of defect processing for the data to be recorded.

27. A recording device controller comprising:
means for determining information relating to a type of
data to be recorded; and

means for issuing a single command instructing that the information relating to the type of data to be recorded be transferred to a recording device, and that the recording of the data be carried out.

~~28~~⁸. The controller according to claim ~~27~~⁷, wherein the information relating to the type of data to be recorded is a flag designating a method of defect processing for the data to be recorded.--

REMARKS

Claims 21-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled and claims 21-28 have been added.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson (Reg. 40,439) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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